

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh, faced with a student-led demonstration of 20,000 and growing Buddhist opposition, this morning resigned as president and rescinded the 16 August provisional constitution.

b. We are not yet sure of his exact status or intentions. A government communiqué, however, says the ruling Military Revolutionary Council will meet tonight to elect a new prime minister, form a new mixed civilian-military government, and then dissolve itself. "Big Minh" may return as caretaker chief of state.

c. This climaxed a week of mounting disorder in Saigon and other cities sparked chiefly by the student and Buddhist belief that reversion to a Diem-like dictatorship was imminent.

d. A desire for a quick solution to the long struggle with the Viet Cong may also underlie the agitation. Even a neutralist solution is said now to have a very strong attraction for student and intellectual circles.

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e. The unsettled conditions are susceptible to exploitation by the Viet Cong, whose military and terrorist activity over the weekend continued to reflect the general rise of the past week.

2. Cyprus

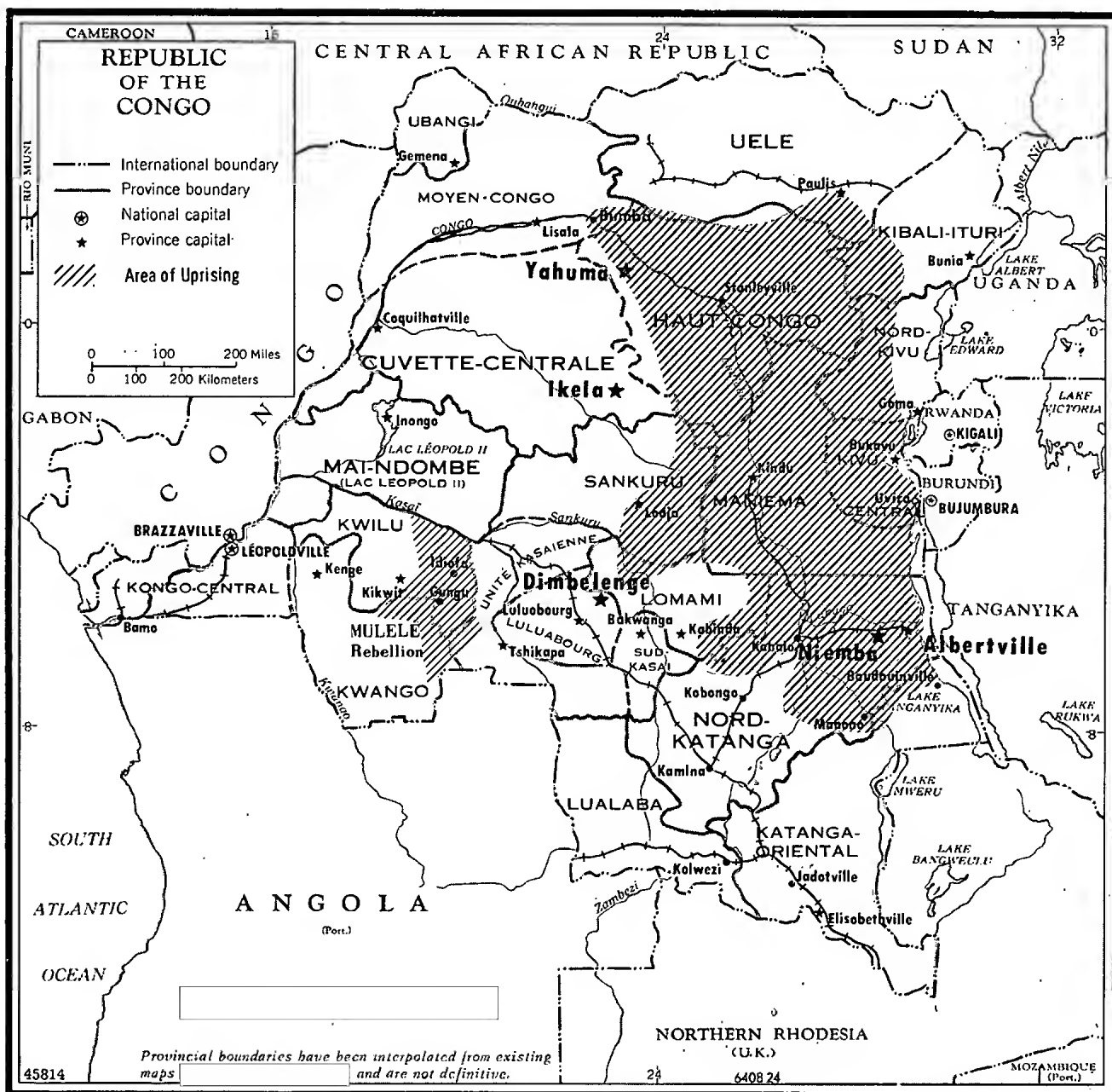
a. Opponents of Inonu's Cyprus policy appear to be gaining strength.

b. The political opposition and the military criticize him for stopping the air strikes, and even prominent members of his own party say the government's policies are "inadequate."

c. The military, which would probably prefer controlling the government to overthrowing it, does not seem to be plotting a coup. Recent military personnel changes, including the transfer of the moderate chief of ground forces, have weakened the pro-Inonu forces.

d. Criticism of Inonu is coupled with anti-American feeling. Some Turks blame him for "tolerating American pressure tactics," while others characterize recent American "pressure" as a "major diplomatic blunder." Military leaders have expressed disillusion with NATO.

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e. Makarios, who has denied that negotiations with the USSR have been suspended, has arrived in Athens for a visit expected to last only a few hours.

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f. There is little change in the picture on Cyprus. Turkish Cypriots claim that Makarios is continuing to blockade Turkish communities, and there has been considerable movement of Greek Cypriot troops south of Kokkina.

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3. Congo

a. Small gains by government forces in North Katanga have been outweighed by the rebel advance downriver from Stanleyville.

b. The rebels have occupied Bumba

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c. In the south, a mercenary force is attempting to rescue about 60-100 Europeans held by the rebels in Albertville. There is a possibility, however, that the hostages may be massacred before the mercenaries can arrive.

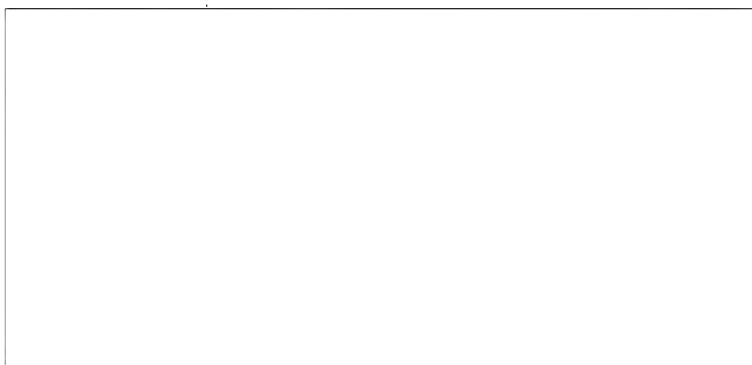
d. A second group of mercenaries came to Kamina on Sunday in a Rhodesian plane

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e. This will further darken Tshombé in the eyes of other African states. He seems now to be backing away from his appeals to them for military assistance, which were made over General Mobutu's objections. The US ambassador is convinced that Kasavubu will not call on the OAU for help.

f. Rwanda President Kayibanda informed US officials yesterday that Tutsi refugees are moving from south of Bukavu toward Rwanda. He says he has alerted his troops in the area.

4. Jordan-Egypt



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c. [redacted] the Egyptians are keeping up the pressure on Husayn to buy Soviet equipment with funds provided by the United Arab Command. [redacted] [redacted] the King is likely to accept some MIG-21s unless he gets comparable planes from the US.

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e. Husayn's remarks about Egyptian and Soviet motives may, of course, be efforts to elicit a favorable US response to his arms request. [redacted]

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A. Rumania-USSR

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- B. Zanzibar - Communist China Rumors persist that the northern island of Pemba is being used by the Chinese as a base for arms deliveries to Burundi and the eastern Congo. This could be, as activities on Pemba are not exactly well supervised from Zanzibar. Karume visited the place just last week for the first time since the January coup, and until May it was practically a fief of three of Zanzibar's most rabid Communists.
- C. East Germany - Yugoslavia East European diplomats in Belgrade say Ulbricht will "stop over" there in mid-September for a brief visit with Tito on his way back from a trip to Bulgaria. Ulbricht has never visited Yugoslavia, and this stop-over technique seems to be Belgrade's standard way of handling unfriendly East European party chiefs.

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- D. Italy Deputy Secretary General Luigi Longo will reportedly be named head of the Italian Communist Party on Wednesday. No new deputy will be appointed, emphasizing the interregnum nature of Longo's nomination. However, this will give him a chance to consolidate his position before the real power struggle that may develop after the local elections in November.

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